

# Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program is designed to offer a level of academic study that provides the student with a solid foundation in criminal justice and a broad liberal arts knowledge base. The baccalaureate program is designed to combine the professional skills of various specialized areas of criminal justice with research and analytical skills.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program is ideal for students who seek a practice-based program designed to enhance a student's qualifications to pursue more challenging responsibilities in criminal justice agencies and corporations. Graduates of this program may seek employment opportunities in various criminal justice environments such as law enforcement, courts, adult and juvenile corrections, corporate security, public safety, loss prevention, private protective services or investigations, or community-based programs and services. It should be noted that some positions may require additional academy training and experience.

This program is designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in the field, or for jobs in related fields, the specific job titles of which may not be represented in the program title. Although Kaplan University will assist students with job placement, finding a job is the individual responsibility of the student. The University does not guarantee that any student will be placed in any particular job, eligible for job advancement opportunities, or employed at all.

While the program is designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued graduate-level education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any graduate programs.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

## EMPHASIS AREAS

The bachelor's degree program offers the opportunity to personalize a degree with an emphasis area in law enforcement, corrections, forensic psychology, crime scene investigation, homeland security, computer crime, or juvenile justice.

## ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE OPTIONS

High-potential students who are interested in fast-tracking their educational goal of earning both a bachelor's and master's degree should consider the accelerated Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Master of Science in Environmental Policy, Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, or Master of Science in Legal Studies option. Eligible students will work toward completion of the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program while simultaneously completing core courses in their graduate program of choice. Upon successful completion of the undergraduate program, students may apply for entry to the applicable master's degree program. Once accepted, students will transfer in the graduate-level courses completed as part of the undergraduate program and will complete the remaining courses to earn a master's degree.

## ADVANCED START DEGREE OPTION

Kaplan University offers the Advanced Start Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree option for students who have earned a comparable associate's or bachelor's degree from a regionally or nationally accredited college. The advanced start degree option is an innovative program that combines the career-oriented focus of a 2-year degree with the academic curriculum of a 4-year program. Upon completion of an associate's degree, students have the option of joining the workforce while continuing toward a bachelor's degree. The combination of career courses and general education in the first 2 years of study allows students the opportunity to join the workforce with the skills necessary to succeed while pursuing their lifelong learning aims.

Associate's and bachelor's degrees and credits considered to be remedial, occupational, or specialized may not be accepted for transfer under this option.

The University has expanded the advanced start option to include students who have received a bachelor's degree but wish to change careers and receive a second bachelor's degree.

Qualified associate's or bachelor's degrees are transferred into the advanced start degree option as a block of 90 quarter credit hours. Any remaining prior credits are evaluated individually for potential transfer toward appropriate degree requirements.

In addition to possessing an associate's or bachelor's degree, students applying for admission under this option must also complete all prerequisites required for the bachelor's degree courses. Thus, students may need to complete more than the minimum of 90 quarter credit hours to complete the advanced start bachelor of science degree option.

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## Program Outcomes

### General Education Literacy Outcomes

1. Communications: Demonstrate college-level communication through a variety of media.
2. Mathematics: Apply quantitative reasoning to real-world situations.
3. Science: Analyze how scientific principles are applied in real-world contexts.
4. Social Science: Critically evaluate the social or psychological issues that impact human behavior.
5. Arts and Humanities: Recognize human potential through a study of human expressions.
6. Research and Information: Apply methods for finding, evaluating, and using resources.
7. Ethics: Identify, apply, and evaluate ethical reasoning.
8. Critical Thinking: Apply critical thinking to real-life situations.
9. Technology Literacy: Use information technology to solve real-world problems and communicate effectively.

### Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Criminological Theory: Demonstrate an understanding of biological, sociological, and psychological theories of crime causation and discipline-specific evaluation of human behavior.
2. Law: Demonstrate the ability to apply principles of criminal law to criminal justice practice and understand the civil liabilities of criminal justice agencies and practitioners.
3. Research Methods: Demonstrate the ability to apply scientific methods of inquiry to arrive at reasoned decisions regarding professional practice.
4. Leadership: Analyze the roles of organizational culture, behavioral theory, planning, and community relations in criminal justice leadership strategies and practice.
5. Operations: Demonstrate the ability to utilize information and resources to make sound operational decisions in criminal justice agencies.
6. Technology: Understand the impact of emerging technologies on the investigation of crime, as a tool for criminal enterprise, and on the operations of criminal justice agencies.
7. Internationalism: Recognize and evaluate transnational criminal enterprises and analyze the role of culture in criminal behavior and justice systems.

## Curriculum

Courses	Credits
<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>CORE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
100/200-level: Communication Course	5
100/200-level: Mathematics Course	5
200-level: Communication Course	5
300/400-level: Arts and Humanities Course	6
300/400-level: Physical Science Course	6
300/400-level: Social Science Course	6
<b>TOTAL CORE REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENTS</b>	
CJ 100: Preparing for a Career in Public Safety OR	
CS 121: Pathways to Academic Success*	5
CJ 101: Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	5
CJ 102: Criminology I	5
CJ 210: Criminal Investigation	5
CJ 216: Computers, Technology, and Criminal Justice Information Systems	5
CJ 227: Criminal Procedure	5
CJ 230: Criminal Law for Criminal Justice	5
Choose one of the following 200-level criminal justice courses:	5
CJ 212: Crime Prevention	
CJ 215: Exploration of Computer Crime	
CJ 233: Introduction to Forensic Psychology	
CJ 264: White-Collar Crime	
CJ 266: Deviance and Violence	
CJ 293: Investigating Terrorism	
Choose one of the following 300/400-level criminal justice courses:	6
CJ 343: Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	
CJ 345: Supervisory Practices in Criminal Justice	
CJ 350: Organized Crime	
CJ 444: Managing Criminal Justice Organizations	
CJ 340: Applied Criminal Justice Ethics	6
CJ 490: Research Methods in Criminal Justice	6
300/400-level: Major Electives	24
CJ 499: Bachelor's Capstone in Criminal Justice	6
<b>TOTAL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>OPEN ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Open Electives <sup>†</sup>	59
<b>TOTAL OPEN ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>180</b>

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Courses	Credits
<b>ADVANCED START BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>ASSOCIATE'S/BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Comparable Associate's or Bachelor's Degree <sup>‡</sup>	
TOTAL PRIOR DEGREE CREDITS	90
<b>PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
CJ 101: Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	
CJ 210: Criminal Investigation	
CJ 227: Criminal Procedure	
Advanced start students must take the following emphasis area prerequisite course in place of an open elective <sup>§</sup> :	
<b>Option III: Forensic Psychology</b>	
CM 220: College Composition II	
<b>Option VI: Juvenile Justice</b>	
CM 220: College Composition II	
<b>CORE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
300/400-level: Arts and Humanities Course	6
300/400-level: Physical Science Course	6
300/400-level: Social Science Course	6
TOTAL CORE REQUIREMENTS	18
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Choose one of the following 300/400-level criminal justice courses:	6
CJ 343: Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	
CJ 345: Supervisory Practices in Criminal Justice	
CJ 350: Organized Crime	
CJ 444: Managing Criminal Justice Organizations	
CJ 340: Applied Criminal Justice Ethics	6
CJ 490: Research Methods in Criminal Justice	6
300/400-level: Major Electives	24
CJ 499: Bachelor's Capstone in Criminal Justice	6
TOTAL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	48
<b>OPEN ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Open Electives <sup>†</sup>	24
TOTAL OPEN ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS	24
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>180</b>

## EMPHASIS AREAS

### Option I: Law Enforcement

CJ 333: Family and Domestic Violence	6
CJ 355: Homeland Security	6
CJ 370: Crime Scene Investigation II	6
CJ 421: Organizational Behavior in Criminal Justice Organizations	6

### Option II: Corrections

CJ 130: Introduction to Corrections <sup>#</sup>	5
CJ 355: Homeland Security	6
CJ 411: Drugs and Alcohol in the Criminal Justice System	6
CJ 433: Probation and Parole	6
300/400-level: Criminal Justice Elective	6

### Option III: Forensic Psychology

CJ 325: Psychology for Law Enforcement	6
CJ 440: Crisis Intervention	6
PS 440: Abnormal Psychology	6
300/400-level: Criminal Justice Elective	6

### Option IV: Crime Scene Investigation

CJ 305: Legal Foundations of Criminal Evidence	6
CJ 327: Crime Scene Photography OR	
CJ 328: Forensic Fingerprint Analysis	6
CJ 370: Crime Scene Investigation II	6
CJ 385: Forensic Chemistry and Trace Evidence Analysis OR	
CJ 386: Forensic Biology and Impression Evidence	6

### Option V: Computer Crime

CJ 315: Internet Vulnerabilities and the Legal Implications of Monitoring Criminal Activity in Cyberspace	6
CJ 316: Investigating Cybercrime	6
CJ 317: Computer Forensics	6
CJ 416: Protecting Digital Assets	6

### Option VI: Juvenile Justice

CJ 150: Juvenile Delinquency <sup>#</sup>	5
CJ 333: Family and Domestic Violence	6
CJ 420: Juvenile Justice	6
CJ 445: Case Management	6
PS 440: Abnormal Psychology	6

### Option VII: Homeland Security

CJ 355: Homeland Security	6
CJ 407: Crisis Negotiation	6
300/400-level: Criminal Justice Electives	12

Note: Students should be aware that, depending on the program of enrollment and campus scheduling, some courses will only be available online. Onsite course scheduling decisions are at the discretion of the campus.

Not all programs or courses are offered at all locations.

\*Online students will take CJ 100: Preparing for a Career in Public Safety.

<sup>†</sup>Eligible students who choose to complete an accelerated master's degree option will take four graduate-level courses in addition to selected undergraduate electives.

<sup>‡</sup>Comparability is determined by a course-by-course examination of the prior associate's or bachelor's degree against the core requirements of a Kaplan University associate's degree.

<sup>§</sup>These courses may be waived if a student has comparable prior learning.

<sup>#</sup>Taken in place of an open elective; advanced start students are exempt from this prerequisite requirement.